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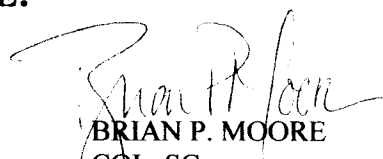
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Safety Message for the Veterans Holiday weekend 10 – 13 November 2006

1. The “Veterans Day” holiday (10 November 2006) was established after World War I to pay tribute to those who served in that Great War. In 1954, the day's significance was expanded to honor all the Soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coastguardsmen, and merchant marines who have worn our Nation's uniform. By pausing to remember, we recognize the many diverse and difficult circumstances that our Veterans have faced. However, no matter what the time or the uniform, we are united by the same ideals: life and liberty, peace and prosperity, service and sacrifice.
2. November is also the traditional beginning of the winter holiday season. Many of us will be taking advantage of this long weekend to travel, visit friends, family or to participate in local fall sports activities. Extremely congested road conditions exist daily throughout Korea; each day, we face very aggressive drivers along with other challenging driving conditions which we do not see in the USA. Remember that black ice, early morning freezing conditions, and adjusting your speed on the roadways are not only keys to successful driving but to survival! Watch out for the pedestrians, motorcycles, and short warning areas near construction sites as you travel. Exercising these driving safety measures, using extreme patience and being prepared for the unexpected is required to drive accident free here in Korea. Please drive carefully, get rest prior to long trips, and remember don't mix alcohol and driving. Veterans Day Holiday weekend safety briefings are required for all 1<sup>st</sup> Signal Brigade personnel prior to COB 9 November 2006. Leaders should use the “Under the Oak Tree” counseling method to encourage Soldiers to openly discuss their off duty plans with their leaders. Also, utilize the trip risk worksheet as you identify those Soldiers/Civilians traveling. We all must take responsibility for our actions and make good risk-management decisions for both on and off duty activities.
3. I know we have an active group of athletes that love everything from the extreme sports to leisurely hikes in the country. With the potential change in the weather, please remember to stretch and prepare your muscle groups for whatever your about to conquer. Buddy teams are encouraged, emergency phone numbers should be exchanged, and outfit yourself with a personal emergency kit should the situation arise.
4. Not directly related to the holiday, but a definite bummer, should you find yourself in the middle, are the wide spread civil demonstrations. Check the USFK website and AFN for updates related to force protection in the area you traveling to. I ask that you be aware of your surroundings and consider OPSEC as you engage in conversations outside the work place and with the people you meet in the community. There have been an increase in suspect activity – just be alert and report anything suspicious. I want all Commanders and supervisors to remind their personnel to use the buddy system when venturing off post; review the curfew times and the off-limits establishments in their area; stay clear of any demonstrations; and at all times place special emphasis on their surroundings. We must take care of our 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade family.
5. The Command Sergeant Major and I, wish you a safe and happy holiday weekend. We all must remember that Safety must never take a day off; it must become an integral and necessary part of everything we do. Have a safe Veterans Day Holiday weekend. **BE SAFE!**

  
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